1 Complete the sentences with the correct linking word.

1- I love studying English; ___, I find grammar challenging.
(however, furthermore, because)

2- ___ it was raining, we decided to go hiking.
(although, because, as a result)

3- ___ her hard work, she got promoted.
(in addition to, due to, because)

4- I forgot my umbrella, ___ I got soaked on my way home.
(therefore, nevertheless, since)

5- She studied for weeks; ___, she passed her exams with excellent grades.
(furthermore, as a result, however)

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2 Choose the correct linking word.

6. **(Although / Because)** she was tired, she finished her homework on time.

7. The restaurant was closed, **(despite / so)** we went somewhere else to eat.

8. **(In contrast / In addition)** to their main products, they also sell accessories.

9. **(Since / Nevertheless)** it was late, they decided to go home.

10. They worked very hard; **(therefore / because)** they achieved their goals.

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3 Fill in the blanks with the correct linking word from the options below.

Options: ***on the other hand, as a result, in conclusion, besides, despite.***

11. _____ of her busy schedule, she always finds time to exercise.

12. _____, we can see that learning languages brings many benefits.

13. This movie is entertaining. _____, the actors did a great job.

14. Some people like the city life. _____, others prefer the countryside.

15. She forgot to set an alarm; _____, she missed the meeting.

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